

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5729
ANSWERED ON:25.04.2001
ERADICATION OF EPIDEMIC
MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether epidemic has broken out in most of the earthquake affected places of Gujarat;
- (b) if so, the diseases which have taken an alarming proportion there;
- (c) the number of persons died so far to this disease; and
- (d) the details of the relief work being undertaken by the Centre and State Governments there?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) to (d) A statement is laid on the table of the Lok Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5729 FOR 25.4.2001

- (a) No, Sir. Only sporadic cases of infective hepatitis have occurred in Kutch district.
- (b) The disease has not taken an alarming proportion.
- (c) No death has been reported due to viral hepatitis.
- (d) Following actions are being taken to control disease situation in the entire district.
 - (i) Surveillance is carried out by 82 mobile medical teams under technical guidance of WHO and National Institute Communicable Diseases (NICD), Delhi. The Central Surveillance Cell consisting of experts from NICD, Delhi and NIOH, Ahmedabad has also visited the area and provided necessary guidance to the State Health authorities. Laboratory surveillance has been strengthened by provision of laboratory equipments and reagents. State level Rapid Response Team visits affected areas to provide treatment.
 - (ii) Chlorination of drinking water is monitored by mobile medical teams. Water supplied by tankers is also chlorinated. Chlorine tablets are also distributed in risk areas for pot chlorination.
 - (iii) Necessary health education on personal hygiene and environmental sanitation is being imparted to people by house to house visits, through pamphlets, press notes.
 - (iv) Communication has been strengthened from periphery to the State level for immediate feedback.
 - (v) Under chairmanship of Hon. Health Minister, Govt. of Gujarat a meeting of the State official was organised to implement public health measures such as safe drinking water supply and environmental sanitation.